

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2256.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

### CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer protection in the financial regulatory system, focusing on strengthening credit card protections, after receiving testimony from Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, and Kenneth J. Clayton, American Bankers Association, all of Washington, DC; James C. Sturdevant, The Sturdevant Law Firm, San Francisco, California, on behalf of The National Association of Consumer Advocates; Lawrence M. Ausubel, University of Maryland, College Park; and Todd J. Zywicki, George Mason University School of Law, Falls Church, Virginia.

### BUDGET RESOLUTION/RECONCILIATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Senate procedures for consideration of the budget resolution/reconciliation, after receiving testimony from Senators Byrd and Specter; William Hennif, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; G. William Hoagland, former Staff Director, Senate Budget Committee, Fairfax, Virginia; and Robert Dove, former Senate Parliamentarian, Falls Church, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, who was introduced by Senator Wyden, and John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, both of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program, authorized under Title 17 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and how the delivery of services to support the deployment of clean energy technologies might be improved, after receiving testimony from David G. Frantz, Director, Loan Guarantee Program, and Andy Karsner, former Assistant Secretary for Efficiency and Renewable Energy, both of the Department of Energy; Kevin Book, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey and Co., Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and James K. Asselstine, Barclays Capital, New York, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Senators Baucus (Chair), Carper, Lautenberg, Cardin, Sanders, Klobuchar, Boxer (ex officio), Voinovich, Vitter, Barrasso, Specter, and Inhofe (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety:* Senators Carper (Chair), Baucus, Cardin, Sanders, Merkley, Boxer (ex officio), Vitter, Voinovich, Bond, and Inhofe (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health:* Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Baucus, Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Gillibrand, Boxer (ex officio), Specter, Crapo, Bond, and Inhofe (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife:* Senators Cardin (Chair), Lautenberg, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), Merkley, and Boxer (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy:* Senators Sanders (Chair), Carper, Gillibrand, Boxer (ex officio), Bond, Voinovich, and Inhofe (ex officio).

*Subcommittee on Children's Health:* Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Udall (NM), Merkley, Boxer (ex officio), Alexander, Specter, and Inhofe (ex officio).